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In re the application of:  
HOFMANN ET AL.

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For: *DICTYOCaulus viviparus* ANTIGEN FOR THE DIAGNOSIS OF  
LUNG WORM INFESTATION AND FOR VACCINATION

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 30, 2002

Sir:

The undersigned hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136 (a) in which to file a response in response to the Office Action mailed July 31, 2001. The period for filing the response has been extended to January 31, 2002.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-23340109 the amount of nine hundred and twenty dollars (\$920.00) for payment of the required fee.